

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

MONTPELIER CHURCH,

CLAY COUNTY, MISS.,

Commencing Saturday, Sept. 3d, A. D. 1881.

OFFICERS:

ELDER J. R. THOMPSON.....	MODERATOR.
J. A. COX.....	CLERK.
J. H. PRYOR.....	TREASURER.

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SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, September 3d, 1881.

THE ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened in her Forty-sixth Annual Session, with the Church of Christ, at Montpelier, Clay county, Mississippi, on Saturday, September 3, 1881.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder M. C. Allen. Theme—"Unity." Psalms, 133rd chapter, 1st verse.

After dinner, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, who read the 19th Psalm. Prayer by Elder T. H. Wilson.

Letters from the different Churches being presented, were read by brethren L. Hall, J. H. Pryor, and T. N. Lusk.

The following is the

List of Delegates.

- Antioch—R. W. Barton, L. Hall, J. Q. Durham.
- Bethany—T. H. Wilson, M. C. Allen, J. A. Cox.
- Bethel—James Denton, A. F. Young.
- Bluff Springs—J. M. Rodgers, A. H. Poe, George Wray.
- Convord—G. W. Swindoll, R. G. Haney.
- Cross Roads—H. H. Womack.
- County Line—J. W. Berry, W. A. Whitaker.
- Chestnut Springs—J. L. Ross, W. F. Wofford.

- Double Springs*—L. J. Taylor, J. E. Wofford.
Fellowship—A. Moore.
Harmony—J. T. Haney, William Taylor.
Hebron—J. W. Skelton.
Midway—R. W. Thompson, B. R. Hughey.
Milligan Springs—(By Letter.)
Montpelier—Robert Stringfellow, T. A. Cothran, James Andrews.
Mulberry—J. H. Freeman, T. N. Lusk, C. B. Thompson.
Mount Pleasant—S. G. Hunter, J. L. Arnold, W. A. Glasson.
Philadelphia—J. H. Pryor, Henry Cannon, Byron Middleton.
Pleasant Grove (Chickasaw)—J. Ellerson.
Pleasant Grove (Grenada)—W. E. Ringold.
Pleasant Grove (Montgomery)—J. P. Thompson.
Providence—L. W. Crouch.
Pleasant Hill—W. C. Coggins.
Shiloh—W. H. Kirk, A. Britt, B. Mitchell.
Spring Hill—W. T. Ward.
Spring Creek—M. McKee.
Spring Valley—W. M. Curry, James Allen.
Wakeforest—T. B. Dalton, A. B. Woodruff.
Walthall—Lewis Hays, W. D. Pollen.

On motion, the Association proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result: ♦

Moderator—Elder J. P. Thompson; *Clerk*—J. A. Cox;
Treasurer—J. H. Pryor.

On a call for petitionary letters, Brother J. L. Ross presented a letter from Chestnut Springs Church, Calhoun county.

On motion, said Church was received into the fellowship of this Association, and her delegates invited to seats with us.

On invitation, Elder W. L. Gideon, of the Aberdeen Association, Elder J. T. Freeman and Brother A. P. Waddell, of the Columbus Association, and Elder H. L. Finley, Evangelist

of the State Board of Missions, presented themselves, and were welcomed to seats with us.

On motion, brethren J. H. Pryor, R. W. Barton, and W. H. Kirk, with the pastor and deacons of Montpelier Church, were appointed a committee on Devotional Exercises.

Returned Correspondence.

Aberdeen—R. W. Thompson, B. R. Hughey, L. Hall.

Columbus—Robert Stringfellow, R. W. Thompson.

Calhoun—R. W. Thompson, J. A. Cox, M. C. Allen.

Louisville—W. M. Curry, S. G. Hunter.

Kosciusko—T. D. J. Lusk, W. A. Hurt, J. P. Thompson.

Yazoo—T. N. Lusk, J. P. Thompson.

Yalobusha—W. E. Ringold, J. H. Freeman.

State Convention—R. W. Thompson, T. N. Lusk, J. P. Thompson.

Committees.

On Business—J. Ellerson, A. B. Woodruff.

On Missions—B. R. Hughey, S. G. Hunter, T. H. Wilson, J. H. Freeman, A. Moore.

On Sabbath Schools—W. M. Curry, J. H. Pryor, M. C. Allen.

On Ministerial Education—R. W. Thompson, T. N. Lusk, W. H. Kirk.

On Periodicals—L. Hall, A. B. Woodruff.

On Finance—J. W. Skelton, S. G. Hunter, James Denton.

On Nominations—G. W. Swindoll, C. B. Thompson.

On Church Letters—J. A. Cox, W. E. Ringold, J. L. Ross.

On Ministerial Consecration and Support—L. Hall, A. Moore.

On motion of J. T. Freeman, J. H. Freeman, L. J. Taylor, J. M. Rodgers, R. W. Barton, B. R. Hughey, and R. W. Thompson, were appointed as a committee to prepare a memorial to the State Legislature on the subject of Sabbath Desecration.

Brother W. M. Ford, of the Columbus Association, was requested to make a report on Prohibition.

The committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows:

To-night, T. H. Wilson to preach at Rural Hill, M. C. Allen, at Big Spring, and R. W. Thompson, at Montpelier.

Sunday—At 9 o'clock, prayer meeting, conducted by T. N. Lusk. J. T. Freeman to preach at half-past ten o'clock, and J. P. Thompson at 12 m. Sunday night—B. R. Hughey at Rural Hill, T. H. Wilson at Big Springs, and R. W. Thompson at Montpelier.

After prayer by Elder J. T. Freeman, the Association adjourned until 8 o'clock, Monday morning.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

At 9 o'clock, an interesting prayer meeting, was conducted by our promising young brother, T. N. Lusk.

At half-past ten o'clock, Elder J. T. Freeman preached, in love and kindness, a most excellent sermon. Theme—Commission; 1st Corinthians, 11th chapter, 29th verse.

At twelve o'clock, m., Elder J. P. Thompson preached, with more than his usual fervor and eloquence, an interesting discourse. Theme—Grace; 2d Peter, 5th chapter, 18th verse.

The audience was very large and attentive, and we hope much lasting good was accomplished.

SECOND DAY.

MONDAY, September 5, 1881.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened by the Moderator reading 46th Psalm. Prayer by T. N. Lusk.

On motion, speakers were limited to ten minutes in debate.

Report on Order of Business.

Your committee would suggest that the "Query" accompanying the letter from Antioch Church, be taken up first, and

considered by the Association. After its disposal, we recommend the same order of business adopted last year.

J. ELLISON, Chairman.

QUERY FROM ANTIOCH CHURCH.

"A custom has prevailed among Baptist Churches to receive applicants, under certain circumstances, upon what is generally termed 'The faith of a Letter.' Now, what attitude does such a person occupy towards the Church with which he or she unites?"

After a full discussion, the following answer was adopted:

"If the Church is satisfied that the applicant has been legally baptized, she has a right to receive him into full fellowship; however, we advise the Churches of this Association to be very cautious in the reception of such applicants, and not to receive any without satisfactory evidence of their personal piety and scriptural baptism."

The following reports were received and adopted:

Report on Missions.

WHEREAS, Nearly all the territory in the bounds of this Association is supplied with the gospel of Christ, yet this should not satisfy the lovers of Jesus while there are, in other bounds, fields ripe unto harvest, but the laborers are few and means insufficient. While our State Board is making every effort to supply these destitute fields, it makes an earnest call to all the Churches of this Association to help in this glorious work—the salvation of sinners. Then, let us respond to this call, as well as that of the Board of Foreign Missions, to send the gospel to the heathen, where the self-sacrificing Simmons, Eager, David, and others are telling the story of the Cross.

We would suggest that every member of the different Churches of this Association contribute something to the cause of missions, every year, as it is the duty of every Christian to do so.

Respectfully submitted.

B. R. HUGHEY,
S. G. HUNTER.

Report on Ministerial Education.

Men are called of God, as was Aaron, to preach the gospel. This is a work of the spirit, impressing the heart of man with the weight and worth of immortal souls. "Woe am I, if I preach not the gospel." The preparation of the mind to

preach is the work of the man thus called. "Study to show thyself a workman approved unto God, rightly dividing the word of truth, &c."

How shall we prepare to preach? By attending the College located at Clinton, if possible; if not, to avail ourselves of every opportunity at home. Owing to the rapid increase of infidelity and spiritual wickedness in high places, and the growing demand for an educated ministry, your committee would urge this subject as one of the greatest importance.

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. THOMPSON, Ch'n.

Report on Periodicals.

Your committee would impress upon the Baptists of this Association the importance of procuring and reading literature that is a sound exponent of the Baptist faith. We would recommend the "Baptist Record," published by brother J. B. Gambrell, at Jackson, Mississippi, as a journal that should be read in every family. We also recommend the "Baptist," published at Memphis, Tennessee, and the "Home and Foreign Journal."

Respectfully submitted,

L. HALL, Chairman.

Report on Digest of Church Letters.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows:

Montpelier: We are living in peace one with another, but do not have the outpouring of God's spirit; pray for us.

Shiloh: We are at peace among ourselves, but desire more of the spirit of religion; pray for us.

Mount Pleasant: We are at peace among ourselves, but lament our barrenness.

Hebron: We are at peace with one another, but in rather a cold condition; pray that we may enjoy religion in its purest form.

Spring Hill: We rejoice to say that we are at peace with each other. We feel that the Lord has blessed us, and we desire an interest in your prayers.

Cross Roads: Our Church was greatly revived during the months of July and August, and now while we feel the presence of the Lord, we most earnestly ask your prayers that we may have His presence with us at all times.

County Line: We have just closed our protracted meeting, and hope much good has been done in our Savior's cause; we desire an interest in your prayers.

Bluff Springs: The Church is in rather a cold state; please pray for us.

Midway: We feel thankful that we have now for many years lived in peace with each other, and gradually grown all the time; we desire that it may keep us humble and more constantly engaged at a throne of grace.

Providence: We have nothing of interest to write; we are in a cold state. At our meeting in August the Church seemed revived, and we hope good was done.

Harmony: We are at peace with each other, but in a cold state; pray for us.

Walthall: We are at peace with one another, but in rather a lukewarm condition; pray for us.

Milligan Springs: We have had an interesting meeting, during which our Church was much revived, and we hope much good was done.

Chestnut Springs: Our Church is in a very good condition. The Lord has blessed our efforts by giving us several precious souls to journey with us to the goodly land.

Pleasant Grove (Chickasaw): Our Church is in a languishing condition; the cause of Christ is suffering in our hands, and we desire your prayers.

Pleasant Hill: We had a protracted meeting, including the second Sunday in July, and we hope and believe that the Lord was with us.

Concord: The spiritual condition of our Church is lukewarm. Churches not named in this report, make no mention of their spiritual condition, except in table of statistics.

Respectfully submitted.

W. E. RINGOLD.

Report on Sabbath Schools.

We recommend that each Church in our Association organize a Sabbath School, and that the pastors of Churches bring this matter before their several Churches, and assist, if necessary, in the organization of said schools. We also recommend that in addition to the Bible we use "Kind Words," which has lessons well adapted to our cause, and from which our smallest children can learn much about the word of God. We advise the use of "The Little Seraph," by the assistance of which, old and young can learn to sing the sweet songs of Zion. We implore our brethren and sisters, fathers and mothers, to take their children to Sabbath School and become teachers and students, and endeavor to arouse and sustain an interest in this

important subject. Let us raise up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted.

M. C. ALLEN,
J. H. PRYOR,
W. M. CURRY.

After prayer by Eld. H. L. Finley, the Association adjourned one hour, for dinner.

On re-assembling, by motion, the amount collected on Sunday was divided equally between Foreign and Domestic Missions.

The report of the Treasurer was presented and, on motion, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Report on Nominations.

Your Committee recommend that Elder R. W. Thompson preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Elder J. P. Thompson be the alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. SWINDOLL,
A. BRITT,
C. B. THOMPSON.

The account of Bro. O. S. Jennings, for transcribing minutes, was allowed, and paid by voluntary contributions.

On motion, Hon. W. A. Hurt was requested to take charge of the following memorial and present the same to the next Legislature of this State:

A Memorial to the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, by the Zion Association of Baptist Churches in the counties of Calhoun, Sumner, Clay, Grenada, Chickasaw, and Montgomery, assembled at Montpelier Church, in Clay county, on the 3d day of September, 1881:

Your memorialists would respectfully state to your honorable body that the Sabbath or Lord's day is recognized by Christian nations as of so sacred a nature from its origin and so important a day in political economy for the health and well-being of the people of a State, that all civilized nations under the influence of the Christian religion, have deemed it right to pass laws, with penalties attached, for the violation of the same, enforcing the observance as a day of rest.

The farmer, in our State, is rightly restricted to its observance, and he cannot pursue the labor and avocation of the farm on the Lord's day.

The mechanic is compelled, by State law, to hush the sound of the hammer and the anvil, the saw and the mill, on that day. This we believe to be right, and we pledge ourselves to aid all State and municipal officers in the execution thereof. But there are corporations in this State, especially railroads, that pay no respect to this law of our State, which is the law of God also. They run their freight trains and their passenger trains also, on that day. No employee of said railroads dare openly to protest against it. Were he to do so he would lose his position and wages, and thereby beggar his family.

There are thousands of our citizens in their employ, who are thus compelled to serve them on that day with the penalty of bread or no bread for their families depending on their obedience to these corporations, who thus drive them along as relentlessly as convicts in a penitentiary, in violation of the laws of God and man. They have no time to attend the services of religion, and thousands of congregations of worshippers are disturbed every Sabbath day by the rattle of their machinery and the whistle of the defiant locomotive, as it recklessly passes and works at the depots near our houses of worship.

We would respectfully petition your honorable body to pass stringent laws against this impolitic and irreligious course, demoralizing in its tendencies to all classes of society who come in contact with the workings of these roads, who claim and exercise a higher law than that of your body or of God.

We are not enemies to railroads; we have and will spend money in building railroads, supposing them to be subject to law. But if they are to rule over us with a rod of iron to gratify the greed of gain, and continue to claim immunities from all laws, we might, as a people, feel constrained, under continued provocation, to seek the last resort of an injured people.

Respectfully submitted,
J. T. FREEMAN, for Committee.

The report on Ministerial Consecration and Ministerial Support, after some discussion, was tabled, and the matter was referred to Brother G. W. Howard, with request to report at next meeting of the Association.

Report of Eastern District.

To preach Introductory Sermon, Elder R. W. Thompson; alternate, Elder A. B. Hicks.

ESSAYS—B. R. Hughey, 1st Peter, 3:19.

S. W. Middlston, John, 3:14.

S. M. Cole, Matthew, 18:23 to 35, inclusive.

A. B. Hicks, "What should be done with Baptists who engage in the whisky traffic?"

S. G. Hunter, Ministerial Consecration.

Next meeting to be held with Spring Hill Church, Calhoun county, Mississippi, Friday before first Sabbath in August, 1882.

G. W. DUDLEY, Clerk.

Report of Western District.

To meet with Bethel Church, Friday before the fourth Lord's day in July, 1882. Elder J. P. Thompson to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder B. Watson, alternate.

J. R. FREEMAN, Clerk.

A. N. BURNS, Moderator.

Report on Prohibition.

Your committee beg leave to say: That as the subject is yet an open question they deem it best not to mention it as a subject of debate for the present and will only recommend that our brethren favorably consider it, that they may at a proper time in the near future, act intelligently and decidedly. We would commend the address of the late Prohibition Convention, assembled in Jackson, Miss., to their careful perusal. Said Convention was presided over by Judge Watson, of Holly Springs, and your beloved Moderator was a member thereof, as well as many other prominent members and ministers of our denomination. Intemperance is such a monster of iniquity in our land, and the importation of whiskey and other alcoholic drinks costs our people such a drain upon our material resources, amounting to more than one million of dollars to the Federal government per annum. It fills our jails and penitentiaries with convicts, and thousands of families with desolation and woe, that we must try to banish it from our land as we would yellow fever, or any other pestilence. A woe is pronounced in the Bible, against the man who puts the bottle to his neighbor's lips, and as no drunkard can inherit eternal life, it becomes us as good citizens and christians to take all legitimate means to banish it from our land, and if it be lawful to remove the temptation from our sons, that another

er generation may grow up less addicted to this vice and more devoted to truth and honor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. FORD.

On motion, the Association will meet with the church at Pleasant Grove, Grenada county, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in September, 1882.

On motion, the clerk was allowed fifteen dollars for his services.

Report on Finance.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have received the following sums, to-wit:

For Minutes.....	\$54 35
Domestic Missions.....	13 15
Foreign Missions.....	25 50
Foreign Missions, from Slate Spring S. S.....	5 00
Public contributions to-day	15 25
Total.....	\$115 25

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Paid to Treasurer.....	\$60 90
Paid to Clerk	54 35

Total..... \$115 25

We have examined the report of the Treasurer for last year and find all correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SKELTON,
S. G. HUNTER,
J. DENTON.

The clerk was instructed to have the following letters published in the Minutes.

Dear Brethren of Zion Baptist Association:

I have visited your Association in session September, 1881, with Montpelier Church, Clay county, Miss., as a messenger and correspondent, with other brethren to aid you in counsel and every good work.

I also come to advocate the claims of Starkville Female Institute, T. G. Sellers, President. Starkville is destined to be an educational center of our State for all our farmer boys through the A. and M. College recently established by the munificence of the Federal and State governments.

Buildings are already erected there on a magnificent scale and of great architectural beauty. Three hundred and fifty-seven boys matriculated there last session and the Commencement exercises passed off last July with great eclat.

It is likely that buildings will be added to accommodate six hundred young men in the near future.

If we educate our farmers' boys we must educate our farmers' girls.

Bro. Sellers' College is equal to the best in the South. His graduates, of the last twelve years, bear unanimous testimony to the high grade of scholarship, of the young ladies and their accomplished manners and cultured style bear evidence of care in that department.

He respectfully asks your patronage. He matriculated more than one hundred and fifty last term and it is to our interest in all Central Mississippi to support this Institution with our moral influence and the attendance of all our young ladies who aspire to be worthy companions for the cultivated young farmers who will emanate from the A. and M. College.

I will respectfully ask of your body to permit this notice to be published in your Minutes.

Fraternally,

J. T. FREEMAN.

After a most affectionate address by the Moderator, and prayer by Elder W. L. Gideon, the Association adjourned to meet with the Pleasant Grove Church, Grenada County, (twelve miles west of Slate Springs) on Saturday before the first Sunday in September, 1882.

J. A. Cox, Clerk.

J. P. THOMPSON, Moderator.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. P. Thompson,.....	Lodi, Montgomery county.		
A. J. Walker,	Walthall, Sumner	"	
B. Watson,.....	"	"	"
A. B. Hicks,.....	Bellefontaine,	"	"
J. L. Wilson,.....	"	"	"
S. M. Cole,.....	Cumberland,	"	"
James Wofford,	"	"	"
T. H. Middleton,.....	"	"	"
W. S. Middleton,	"	"	"
E. J. Hardin,.....	Cadaretta,	"	"
J. S. Paxton,.....	Hopewell, Calhoun	"	
T. H. Wilson,	Slate Springs,	"	"
M. C. Allen,.....	"	"	"
B. R. Hughey,.....	Atlanta, Chickasaw	"	
R. W. Thompson,	"	"	"
L. Pugh,.....	Montpelier, Clay	"	

LICENTIATES.

Samuel Ellis,	Atlanta, Chickasaw county.		
John Howell,	"	"	"
J. F. Mitchell,.....	Lodi, Montgomery	"	
T. N. Lusk,.....	"	"	"
J. J. Eidson,.....	Bellefontaine, Sumner	"	
R. C. Ramsey,	Cumberland,	"	"
G. H. Duke	Walthall,	"	"
James Therrell,	Slate Springs, Calhoun	"	

Statistics of the Churches

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.
Antioch.....	Clay.....	Pine Bluff.....
Bethel.....	Calhoun.....	Slate Springs.....
Bethany.....	Calhoun.....	Slate Springs.....
Bluff Springs.....	Sumner ✓	Walthall.....
Concord.....	Sumner ✓	Cadaretta.....
Cross Roads.....	Sumner ✓	Cumberland.....
County Line.....	Sumner ✓	Cumberland.....
Chestnut Springs.....	Calhoun.....	Hohenlinden.....
Double Springs.....	Sumner ✓	Hohenlinden.....
Fellowships.....	Sumner ✓	Bellefontaine.....
Harmony.....	Montgomery.....	Cadaretta.....
Hebron.....	Sumner ✓	Walthall.....
Midway.....	Calhoun.....	Atlanta.....
Milligan Springs.....	Montgomery.....	Mayfield.....
Montpelier.....	Clay.....	Montpelier.....
Mulberry.....	Montgomery.....	Lodi.....
Mt. Pleasant.....	Sumner ✓	Cumberland.....
Mt. Vernon.....	Sumner ✓	Greensboro.....
Mt. Zion.....	Sumner ✓	Walthall.....
Philadelphia.....	Sumner ✓	Cadaretta.....
Pleasant Grove.....	Chickasaw.....	Atlanta.....
Pleasant Grove.....	Grenada.....	Williamsville.....
Providence.....	Montgomery.....	Winona.....
Pleasant Hill.....	Calhoun.....	Benela.....
Shiloh.....	Calhoun.....	Slate Springs.....
Spring Hill.....	Montgomery.....	Lodi.....
Spring Creek.....	Calhoun.....	Hopewell.....
Spring Valley.....	Sumner ✓	Cumberland.....
Wakeforest.....	Sumner ✓	Spring Valley.....
Walthall.....	Sumner ✓	Cumberland.....
		Walthall.....

For 1881.

PASTORS.	Days Meeting.	Baptized.	Rec. by letter.	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	For Minutes.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.
B. R. Hughey.....	2	2	1	4	2			64	2 00		
M. C. Allen.....	2	4	4	1	6	6	2	159	2 65		7 15
J. H. Wilson.....	1	4	8	1	9			130	4 00	5 95	5 55
B. Watson.....	1				1	3		90	1 45		1 60
A. J. Walker.....	2	7		2	2	3		45	1 50		
F. H. Wilson.....	2	4	1	1	15			100	3 65	2 40	5 00
T. H. Middleton.....	4	7		2	3		2	50	1 25		
S. M. Cole.....	2	4	6					40	1 40		
W. S. Mindleton.....	1			1	29	3		57	50		
A. B. Hicks.....	2								2 00		
M. C. Allen.....	4						3	57	1 00		
A. J. Walker.....	4	1	6		8	3	2	90	2 00	2 10	2 10
R. W. Thompson.....	1	6	6		3	1	2	211	2 00		
Farer.....	1	17	5		5			78	1 30		
W. L. Gideon.....	2	3		1	7	1	3	81	2 00	1 00	
J. P. Thompson.....	1	3	3	2	3	2	1	101	2 80		
T. H. Middleton.....			2		1		1	51	2 00	1 70	1 25
B. Watson.....	3								1 25		
B. Watson.....	4	5	2		1			62	1 55		
T. H. Wilson.....	3	12	6	2	3	7	1	104	2 00		5 00
R. W. Thompson.....	3	5	6		7	8	1	132	1 60		
T. L. Talbert.....	1				1		1	41	1 50		
J. P. Thompson.....	3								1 50		
S. M. Cole.....	4	1	1		2	3	2	33	1 50		
C. E. Murphree.....	2	4	4	1				44	1 70		
A. B. Hicks.....	3	4			4	2		98	2 10		
A. B. Hicks.....	4	7	9	1	3		3	138	3 00		
T. H. Middleton.....	3	2	10	1	4	1	2	88	95		
No Pastor.....	1								1 50		
A. B. Hicks.....	3		1		5			82	1 50		
			1				2	45	2 00		

Form of Letter to Association.

The Baptist Church of Christ at.....
To the Zion Association:

SENDETH CHRISTIAN GREETING:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We have chosen the following brethren to represent us in your body to-wit:

.....
(Then give revival news or whatever may be of interest to the Association.)

Statistics.

Elder.....is our Pastor;.....is our
Post office;our time of meeting.
Received by Baptism..... Dismissed by letter.....
Received by Letter..... Excluded
Restored Dead
Total number in fellowship.....

Financial Report for this year.

(Here insert *everything* that has been paid by the Church.)
Done by order of the Church in conference, on.....
day of....., 18.....

.....Moderator.
.....Church Clerk.